

Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 14, 2021 ~ Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Rev. Matt Gearke was born and raised in Littleton, Colorado but Illinois has been home for the last 9 years. He was ordained in 2007 and has served as a youth pastor, solo pastor and sr. pastor/head of staff during his time in ordained ministry. He is married to his wife, Jessica for 10 years and has a daughter, Hilde, who is in first grade at Timothy Christian School. Matt lives in Villa Park and is a stay at home dad; cooking, cleaning and repairing, while he discerns what God has in store for him next. Matt is excited to be with us today and thanks RPC for the opportunity.

WE LISTEN

MINI MESSAGE

Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-8

MEDITATION

A Double Portion

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE DEPART

*HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata per l'Elevatione

Frescobaldi

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Lynda Nadkarni

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Usher: Ellen Hamilton

Flowers are given in loving memory of Frederick O. Shuppara from his son, Alex M. Shuppara and his wife, Virginia Yang-Shuppara.

Fellowship Time is hosted by Susan Lynch.

Worship Notes

Prelude: *Minuets I & II from Partita in Bb*; J S Bach

Postlude: *Toccata per l'Elevatione*; Frescobaldi

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GETTING TO KNOW MARY JO DEAN

"I was born in 1967. I was aware of division, hostility, and death very, very early in my life. I can remember a young Dan Rather in combat fatigues making the daily report of the number of war dead, women burning their bras and wanting equal pay for equal work, and gay men holding hands "out in New York and California". Instinctively understanding those actions as demands for dignity and fairness, I could see from my own grandpa's reactions, those demands weren't to be easily met. The church I pray for will wrestle for blessing, seek truth and be vigilant in remaining honest, will proclaim in word and deed God's love & forgiveness, and it will always make room in the fellowship of its heart to love one more person and so exhibit heaven."

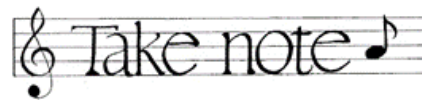
Above are more statements from Pastor Mary Jo's application that led your Interim Pastor Nominating Committee to choose her to lead RPC during the next couple of years. Pastor Mary Jo will begin her ministry by leading worship on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 28th. We will have a celebration brunch right after worship on December 5th. Please join in the welcome!

Donna Ulrich
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica Wood
Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



IN PERSON WORSHIP — Sunday 10:00 am - you are invited to join us for worship in the Sanctuary. Both sanctuary doors will be open and those restrooms will be available.

CHOIR NEWS—It's been a very long time, but I can't imagine another Advent/Christmas season at RPC without music.



Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 17 at 7:30 pm. Singers new and old are welcome! We have much to clean out of our folders and Advent/Christmas music to pass out. The bell choir is playing on Sunday November 21, so our first Sunday singing will be the first Sunday of Advent, November 28th. It just seems right. Looking forward to times of fellowship and music-making once again! - Sally



SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. You are invited to arrive at 9:00, enter through the south door to the sanctuary and come down the hall to the library for discussion of the morning's scripture. Those who wish to join remotely may do so by logging on at 9:00 a.m. <https://tinyurl.com/RPCworship>

SUNDAYS WITH TED meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. <https://tinyurl.com/sundayswithted>
Email Doug Asbury with questions at dougasbury@gmail.com.



*Programs are subject to change.

Nov 14 —John Beatty—Contact with nature: Three transcendental experiences in the natural world

Nov. 21—Tom Chi—Everything is connected.



SESSION MEETING—
Session will meet Wednesday, November 17 at 7: 00 pm in the Parlor



RPC IS A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

The Matthew 25 churches, more than 1,000 strong, are churches in the PCUSA who are committed to one or more of these actions: **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world. **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color. **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor. To learn more about how other churches are responding to the call, join the [Matthew 25 Facebook Page](#). Share your ideas about how we might respond with Matt Lisle or Lynda Nadkarni.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the November-December Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

RPC 150th ANNIVERSARY

Have you seen our growing display about that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—Fresh produce from Aldi's in Lyons will again become available once the store remodeling and parking lot paving are completed. Until then, bread from Jimmy John's will be available, and various local gardeners have been sharing their abundance with us from time to time, for which we are grateful! Canned food (especially meat products) and monetary donations are always needed and welcome. Thank you!

A PLEA FOR PARTICIPANTS — If you attend in-person worship please consider helping by offering to usher. If you attend fellowship, please consider taking a turn to provide cookies or another light snack that goes well with coffee or tea. Please let the office know if you can serve in either role.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT — RPC and Ascension expanded the efforts to include people from outside the churches for the purposes of supporting refugee families. The group of about 150 people continues to expand every day! You can join at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riversiderefugeeresettlement>. We have almost all the items we need for the refugee family apartment and half the funding! As co-sponsors we agree to providing 6 month living expenses for the family. You can support those efforts at <https://www.classy.org/campaign/co-sponsorship-riverside/c368545>. When we are matched with a family, there will be more known needs – food, cleaning supplies, clothing – and assistance for a move-in and set-up day. Questions? See Lynda or email missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org.

DINE AND DECK THE HALLS ON NOVEMBER 21 — Next Sunday is another community meal sponsored by the Mission Committee. We are requesting people bring a breakfast casserole to share. We will dine together from 11:00 – 12:00 and then decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Please let Lynda know if you can participate! missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IN WORSHIP — December 12 as part of worship, we will have a good old-fashioned pageant. At 9 am, we will fit for costumes and do a run through. Then have a break and a snack before the 10 am service. We hope children of all ages will participate! Secure your role at missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org.

BUDDY'S PLACE THANKS RPC — Buddy's Place is a bit over half way through our 8 Week Session and we are full of gratitude to be able to meet at the Riverside Presbyterian Church. We have parents and their children who gather each week in their small groups to remember their loved one and have the space to share their stories, memories, be supported and support another. The children LOVE the rooms and the wonderful murals. Thank you for including Buddy's Place in your mission work and community outreach.



We are very appreciative of your generosity. For more information about Buddy's Place, a bereavement program of Pillars Community Health, visit <https://pillarscommunityhealth.org/services/behavioral-health-and-support-services/buddys-place-grief-support/>



JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEWS —The next get together for the Jr/Sr High Youth Group will be after worship, during fellowship on Sunday, December 5th. We'll meet for food, games and conversation, including floating initial ideas for next summer's mission trip. Any high school student wanting to attend the summer mission trip will need to participate in events, including fundraisers, during the year. Part of our conversation will be about what your

participation might look like.

GRADES K-5 FAITH FORMATION —Join us during fellowship on November 21st when we will snack, talk and do a Thanksgiving project sure to please your mom. Contact Sandra Kappmeyer to let us know you're coming so we're sure to have enough supplies. You can reach her by email at skappzan@aol.com, by leaving a phone message or text at (585) 662-9082 or by using the Remind App. If you haven't downloaded and linked that to the church, Mrs. Nadkarni can help with that. She can be reached at missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org



2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Susanne Vogel	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert		Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	